Van Mook of Indies Here to Urge U.S. Rush Materiel to Stop Japs

Lieutenant Governor General Says Isles Can Hold if Arms Come Quickly

By BLAIR BOLLES. Hubertus van Mook, Lieutenant Governor General of the Nether- Dr. van Mook's stay is undetermired. lands East Indies, came to Washington to urge a speedup in the Funeral Rites Tomorrow American war industries so plans for holding Java and Sumatra for Dr. Joseph Becker against the advancing Japanese can be realized, it was learned today. Dr. van Mook arrived yesterday after traveling across the Pacific and Continental United States-the first | N.W. person to reach here from the Far Eastern war region since the Japa-

Dr. Van Mook is understood to be quarters is located—and Sumatra weapons get there soon enough

Some military observers think of New Jersey and Philip Becker of that the Japanese plan to attack Illinois. Java and Sumatra, the two leading Those two islands, thickly popu- teenth street N.W. lated and more defensible than

jungly members of the Indies archipeligo like Borneo and the Celebes, are the keys to the development of the Pacific war.

Comfort if Singapore Falls. Japanese use of Singapore as a base would be minimized if Sumatra remained in the hands of the A. B. C. D. powers. This fact would contribute to the defense of Burma and the Burma road by lessening the naval strength available to the Japanese for any Burmese adventure they might be considering.

Australia would be safe, it is understood, if Java and Sumatra hold out. The two islands act as a wall protecting the northwest corner of Australia.

Dr. Van Mook is understood also to be urging a closer integration of Dutch military and naval strength within the supreme command and to be pressing for early establishment of a supreme supply council for the division of American-made war goods among the allied warring nations in the Far East.

Wants Major Effort in Orient. The visitor's interests lie almost wholly in the East. For that reason he is expected to introduce a dissent into the arguments pressed here by the Churchill Mission, which favored emphasis on the western front even at the cost of hopes for aggressive action in the Far East. The idea brought by the British who came with their Prime Minister is that the war will be decided in Europe and Africa and Western Asia. Dr. van Mook thinks some of the

decision can be effected in the Far

He comes at a time when he United States is ready to greet every Dutchman as "hero" because of he valiant fighting waged by the Incles submarines and planes against the Japanese. He carries also the authority of great physical presence, which he used to frighten Japanese trade negotiators at Java last June, and he is considered by some to be he most influential Netherlander after

Queen Wilhelmina. These facts give his arguments weight, but only events will ell whether he has success in presang for a greater program of aid to he Eastern war theater. The length of

Mrs. Dora Becker, died unexpecteily yesterday. He lived and maintaired his office at 2028 Sixteenth street Dr. Becker took his pre-medital

course at George Washington University and was graduated from Georgetown University medical telling American officials that Java school in 1934. He served his n--where the Pacific Command head- terneship at Emergency Hospita. Surviving are his mother and a can be defended successfully until sister, Miss Sarah Becker, of he American weapons such as airplanes Sixteenth street address and three reach that sector, provided the brothers, Dr. Samuel Becker, with whom he practiced; William Becter

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